

MARYLAND HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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The Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency, formerly the Comprehensive Health Planning Agency, is designated under Chapter 911, Acts of 1978, as the sole agency for the administration and supervision of the State's health planning functions. It is the State Health Planning and Development Agency for the purposes of the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-641), and it has been designated by HEW for the same purposes. Under Chapter 911, the agency conducts the Certification of Need Program, which includes determining whether proposed new hospitals and related institutions are necessary. A license to operate may not be issued to any facility (or affected portion) for which a Certificate of Need has not been issued. The agency is responsible for the implementation of the Appropriateness Review Program mandated under the Federal Act. By this Act, all Health Care Services offered in existing institutions must be reviewed at least once every five years to determine their appropriateness. Finally, Title XVI of

Public Law 93-641 replaced previous federal hospital construction legislation (known as the Hill-Burton Program) with a broader program to modernize existing facilities and develop outpatient facilities, rather than solely to construct new hospitals. Responsibility for administering this aspect of Title XVI is also a part of Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency's program.

There are five regional Health Systems Agencies—representing Western Maryland, Montgomery County, Southern Maryland, Central Maryland, and the Eastern Shore—that coordinate their autonomous yet interdependent health planning functions with the State agency. All these Health Systems Agencies have full designation by HEW and are carrying out their responsibilities under the Federal Act, including Appropriateness Review.

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council, formerly the Advisory Council, is empowered to approve the Annual State Health Plan and the State Medical Facilities Plan required by Public Law 93-641, as well as the budget of the Health Systems Agencies. The Statewide Health Coordinating Council also has approval power over certain federal program grants under the Public Health Service Act, the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, and the Community Mental Centers Act, and an advisory role in regulatory programs and the operation of the agency generally. The full Statewide Health Coordinating Council meets six times per year, and in addition six standing committees meet regularly to carry out Statewide Health Coordinating Council responsibilities. The membership of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council is composed of health providers and consumers appointed by the Governor.

All responsibility and functions served by and through the actions of the Maryland Comprehensive Health Planning Agency prior to May 29, 1978, are now responsibilities and functions of the Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency. The titular change of the Agency effective May 29, 1978, from the Comprehensive Health Planning Agency to Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency in no way diminishes the Agency's principal responsibility to develop the Health Plan of Maryland and to facilitate and authorize the planned development of health resources and services to the citizens of Maryland (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 59C-59L; Art. 43, sec. 559a-1).